

## 2009 Three-Star Exemption Request - Planning and Infrastructure

### Policy:

For the purposes of the 2009 Tennessee Three-Star program certification, the certain cities may be exempt from meeting the Planning and Infrastructure Benchmark II requirements. In order to obtain an overall Benchmark III status, ALL Benchmarks must be met by ALL cities.

Any municipality with three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) or less in gross revenues for all funds, including utilities, in the immediately preceding fiscal year may be exempt from meeting Planning and Infrastructure benchmarks in the Three-Star program. The list of eligible municipalities will be provided and maintained by Municipal Technical Advisory Services (MTAS) and based on their information for compliance to [Municipal Finance Officer Certification and Education Act of 2007, TN code annotated 6-56-402.](#)

The list of cities eligible for exemption will be provided no later than January 1, 2009. Cities feeling the information is incorrect may submit an audited report of municipal revenues for review.

***Those cities opting for the Planning and Infrastructure Benchmark II exemption will NOT be eligible for Benchmark II incentives from the Three-Star program (this does not apply to CDBG grants and loans). An official request for exemption may made by completing the 2009 Exemption Form and submitting to your Specialist before June 1, 2009.***

### Request:

Please accept this as formal request for 2009 exemption from the Planning and Infrastructure Benchmark II requirements. I have read the above exemption policy and understand that by exercising this exemption, the city will not be eligible for incentives higher than Benchmark I certification status (excluding CDBG grants and loans) regardless of overall program certification.

Program: (County) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: City Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Three-Star contact \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Regional Economic Development Specialist \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_